THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Paani Pandey

†3145. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees called "Paani Pandey" have been appointed since the British era in Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is also fact that the employees called "Paani Pandey" are appointed even now in the Indian Railways;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the term "Paani Pandey" is humiliating and indicative of feudalistic thinking;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for not using any respectful term instead of "Paani Pandey"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Memoranda received from railway employees unions

†3146. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Memoranda received by his Ministry and different divisional zonal offices of Railways from different railways' employees unions on different issues up till now, during the past three years;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to mitigate justified demands/problems mentioned in Memoranda/Applications of railways' employees unions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

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